

PRESIDENT'S COMMISSION
ON THE
ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
U.S. Department of Justice
Washington, D. C. 20535

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I would appreciate your assistance in securing for the use of the Commission copies of records pertaining to Lee Harvey Oswald's employment with the below-listed companies. These records should include any time clock or other daily attendance records.

Leslie Welding Co., Inc.
Fort Worth, Texas
(Employed July to October 1962)

Jaggars-Chiles-Stovall, Inc.
Dallas, Texas
(Employed October 1962 to April 1963)

Texas School Book Depository
Dallas, Texas
(Employed October 1963 to November 1963)

In addition, I would appreciate receiving photostatic copies showing both sides of all paychecks received by Lee Harvey Oswald from any of the above companies and the William B. Reilly Company, New Orleans. Also, all unemployment checks issued him either in Louisiana or Texas.

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

J. Lee Rankin
J. Lee Rankin
General Counsel

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- 1 - Belmont
- 1 - DeLoach
- 1 - Rosen
- 1 - Sullivan

April 1, 1964

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- 1 - Malley
- 1 - Branigan
- 1 - Stokes

Honorable J. Leo Rankin
 General Counsel
 The President's Commission
 200 Maryland Avenue, N. E.
 Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Rankin:

Reference is made to your letter dated March 18, 1964, dealing with the delivery to Oswald's post office box in New Orleans of his unemployment insurance check from the Texas Employment Commission.

In this regard there are enclosed two copies each of memoranda dated March 21 and March 25, 1964, and report of Special Agent Edwin Dalrymple dated March 24, 1964, at Houston, Texas. The enclosed documents are responsive to your requests in letter of reference.

The investigation requested in your letter dated March 25, 1964, touching on Oswald's post office box in New Orleans and his visit on September 24, 1963, to the Louisiana Employment Commission is under way and results thereof will be furnished to you when received.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Enclosures - 6

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Honorable J. Lee Rankin

NOTE:

By letter 3-13-64 Commission asked for further investigation in effort to fix with as much certainty as possible the earliest date and time that Oswald's unemployment check mailed from Austin, Texas, 9-23 could have been delivered to him in New Orleans. The investigation reported in the enclosures which have been read and approved by Messrs. Belmont and Malley conclusively establishes that the earliest the check could have been deposited in Oswald's post office box was 5:30 a.m. September 25. This establishes that he did not leave New Orleans on his Mexico trip prior to morning of 9-25 for he cashed the check in New Orleans sometime after 8:00 a.m. 9-25 when the grocery store where it was cashed opened.

- 1 - Mr. Conrad
- 1 - Mr. Griffith
- 1 - Mr. Cadigan
- 1 - Mr. Belmont
- 1 - Mr. Rosen
- 1 - Mr/ Sullivan

March 31, 1964

By Courier Service

62-109090 -

Honorable J. Lee Rankin
 General Counsel
 The President's Commission
 200 Maryland Avenue, Northeast
 Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Rankin:

Reference is made to your letter of March 24, 1964, and advice from Mr. Melvin Eisenberg of your staff to Special Agent William D. Griffith of this Bureau on March 30, 1964.

In your letter of March 24, 1964, you request an additional photograph of Item D-35 together with information concerning any additional items of evidence numbered above D-72. Transmitted herewith are additional photographs of exhibits comprising Item D-35.

With reference to other items of evidence numbered above D-72, as Mr. Eisenberg was advised on March 30, 1964, photographs of such items have been or will be furnished to you along with a documentation pertaining to each such photograph.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

BY COURIER SVC.
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Enclosures (7)

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(See note page 2)

- Tolson
- DeLoach
- Mohr
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Note: Additional photograph of D-35 enclosed is of items obtained from Oswald at time of his arrest, namely, key, ring, identification bracelet, leather belt, bus transfer and police department property receipt. The Commission's request for photographs of evidence items above D-72 is being handled by established procedure, namely, that photographs of the exhibit items are furnished to Dallas and Dallas attaches the photographs to the investigative report or letterhead memorandum to which they pertain. Domestic Intelligence Division then disseminates. It is believed undesirable to furnish inventories of assigned exhibit numbers or photographs to the Commission before the investigation to which such items pertain has been completed. SA W. D. Griffith discussed instant request with Mr. Eisenberg on 3/24/64 at which time Mr. Eisenberg advised the Commission had received numerous photographs from the Bureau subsequent to submission of this letter and Eisenberg is pleased with the manner of dissemination. He was specifically questioned as to whether our procedure of documenting each photograph satisfies instant request for photographs and inventories. He stated that it does.

WDG:mb.

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MAR 24 1964

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Director, Federal Bureau
of Investigation
Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Could you please furnish us with an additional photograph of Item D35 and an inventory and a set of photographs of items of evidence numbered above D72. Also, as additional items of evidence are added to your inventory, could you please furnish us with an inventory description and photographs thereof.

Sincerely,

J. Lee Rankin
J. Lee Rankin
General Counsel

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1 - Stokes

3-30-64

Airtel 62-10410 -

To: SAC, New Orleans (100-16001) (Enclosures - 9)
2 - San Antonio (105-2009) (Enclosures - 6)
From: Director, FBI (105-82555)

LEE HARVEY OSWALD
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Enclosed for New Orleans are one copy of self-explanatory letter from the President's Commission dated 3-26-64, a copy of pages 209 through 213 of report of SA Robert Gamberling dated 11-30-63 at Dallas and three photographs comprising documents listed as Exhibit D-22 which are referred to in the Commission's 3-26-64 letter.

Enclosed for San Antonio are copy of Commission's 3-26-64 letter and aforementioned pages from SA Gamberling's 11-30-64 report. For Dallas there is enclosed a copy of Commission's 3-26-64 letter.

New Orleans immediately conduct the investigation requested in Commission's 3-26-64 letter. Note that the Commission is concerned with the possibility that Oswald may have appeared at the Louisiana Employment Commission on September 24 in an effort to pick up his unemployment check. From facts developed concerning the mailing of this check by the Texas Employment Commission at Austin, Texas, on 9-23-63, it appears reasonably conclusive that the check could not have been delivered to Oswald prior to the morning of September 25

In connection with the photograph of the perforated card (apparently an application for a post office box), endeavor to ascertain if this card was actually mailed or whether Oswald executed it at the post office when applying for the box. New Orleans ascertain if anything is imprinted or written on the back of the perforated

1 - Dallas (100-10461) (Enclosure)

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Airtel to SAC, New Orleans
Re: LEE HARVEY OSWALD
105-32555

post office box application card. If there is anything of possible pertinence on the back of this card, endeavor to photograph same or otherwise comment that reverse side is blank.

In connection with the Commission's efforts to determine the earliest and latest times at which Oswald could have left New Orleans for Mexico, note that Oswald was definitely placed in Houston boarding the Continental Trailways bus at approximately 2:00 a.m. on the morning of 9-26-63. In attempting to fix the latest time at which Oswald could have left New Orleans, New Orleans set forth brief statement as to latest available air travel on September 25 between New Orleans and Houston which would have enabled Oswald to have made aforementioned connection with the Continental Trailways bus at Houston. In attempting to fix the earliest time at which Oswald could have left New Orleans for Mexico set forth brief statement of known facts concerning the delivery to Oswald in New Orleans at either his post office box or at the Louisiana Employment Commission of his unemployment check which he cashed at the Winn-Dixie store sometime between 4:00 p.m. September 24 and 4:00 p.m. of September 25. In addition New Orleans set forth brief statement concerning negative checks made at New Orleans of all bus, air and rail facilities which could have been utilized by Oswald during his trip from New Orleans to Houston.

The photographs of the change of address card and post office box application are forwarded to New Orleans to expedite the inquiry as the postmarks do not reproduce well on Xerox. Accordingly, these photographs are to be returned to the Bureau by New Orleans.

San Antonio recontact the Texas Employment Commission at Austin in an effort to determine the exact address to which Oswald's unemployment check was mailed to him on September 23. Inquire specifically if Oswald's unemployment check was mailed to his post office box or to him in care of the Louisiana Employment Commission. San Antonio sutel results to Bureau and New Orleans. New Orleans and San Antonio submit results in letterhead memorandum suitable for dissemination. Note that while the President's Commission refers to the Texas Unemployment Commission, the organization to which the Commission refers should properly be reported as the Texas Employment Commission.

NOTE:

On 3-18-64 Commission asked for further inquiry in effort to definitely fix the time and date of receipt in New Orleans of Oswald's unemployment check which was mailed to him from Austin on late afternoon September 23. It has been conclusively established that this check could not have been received and processed by postal authorities in New Orleans for delivery to Oswald prior to 5:30 a.m.

Airtel to SAC, New Orleans
Re: LEE HARVEY OSWALD
105-32555

NOTE CONTINUED:

on the morning of September 25. We are in process of disseminating this information/Commission. They now point out that as Oswald appeared at the Louisiana Employment Commission on September 24, there is possibility that he went there to pick up his check and they ask that we determine the purpose of Oswald's several visits to the Louisiana Commission including his visit of September 24. They also ask the significance of some postmarks on the post office box application and a change of address form, the latter bearing dates September 25, 11:00 a.m. and September 26.

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Mr. Tolson	✓
Mr. Belmont	✓
Mr. Mohr	✓
Mr. Casper	✓
Mr. Callahan	✓
Mr. Conrad	✓
Mr. DeLoach	✓
Mr. Evans	✓
Mr. Gale	✓
Mr. Rosen	✓
Mr. Sullivan	✓
Mr. Tavel	✓
Mr. Trotter	✓
Tele. Room	✓
Miss Holmes	✓
Miss Gandy	✓

MAR 26 1964

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Department of Justice
Washington, D. C. 20535

Dear Mr. Hoover:

By letter of March 18, we asked that the Bureau make certain inquiries for the Commission as to the hour of the day when Lee Harvey Oswald's check from the Texas Unemployment Commission might have been delivered by the postal authorities in New Orleans, Louisiana, on or about September 24 or 25, 1963. Since that letter was forwarded to you some new evidence has come to light which relates to the same problem, and we believe that the investigation in connection with this new evidence might conveniently be carried on as part of the previously requested investigation.

Federal Bureau of Investigation Exhibit No. D-22 includes, among other things, a notice of change of mailing address signed by Lee Harvey Oswald. The notice bears a stamped mark of 11:00 a.m., September 25, 1963, on the reverse side, and on the front side there is a stamped mark of September 26, 1963. The Commission is interested in ascertaining the earliest and the latest times at which this card could have been deposited in a mail box in the City of New Orleans, bearing the marks as indicated, and we are also interested in the significance, if any, of the fact that there are two marks indicating different times on the same card.

FBI Exhibit No. D-22 also includes a perforated card, which has been torn along the perforated edge, for use in assigning and terminating a post office box. This card bears two postal marks, one dated June 11, 1963, and the other apparently dated October 3, 1963, although it is scarcely legible. The Commission would like to know the significance of the latter postmark, especially its significance as to when Lee Harvey Oswald could have deposited the card in the mail or handed it in personally at the post office, and where this probably occurred.

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1-Dallas (Exec-17)

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Fertinent to this same problem are pages 212-213 of the report of Special Agent Gemberling, dated November 30, 1963. This portion of the report states that Lee Harvey Oswald appeared at the Louisiana Employment Commission regularly, at weekly intervals, throughout August and September 1963, and that the last such appearance was on September 24, 1963. It does not appear exactly what Oswald did during these appearances. If he picked up the checks which were being sent to him from the Texas Unemployment Commission at the Louisiana Employment Commission, then there seems to be a conflict between this fact and the facts established by the Report of Special Agent Callender of December 12, 1963, pages 14-16, and the Report of Special Agent Kenmy of December 12, 1963, pages 24-25. These two reports seem to establish that Oswald's last check did not even arrive in the New Orleans railway station until 5:30 p.m. on September 24, presumably too late for delivery to the Employment Commission that same day. The Commission would appreciate the Bureau's looking further into the whole matter of what Oswald did on his weekly appearances at the Louisiana Employment Commission, and if discrepancies appear between this evidence and the evidence in connection with the timing of the mailing of Oswald's check from Texas, we would like the Bureau to attempt to resolve such discrepancies.

The purpose of the questions posed in this letter and in the aforementioned letter of March 18, 1964, is to determine the earliest and the latest times at which Lee Harvey Oswald could have left New Orleans for Mexico. We would therefore like the Bureau to carry on any investigation that it may deem useful for this purpose, based upon any additional facts that might come to light in connection with the investigation requested in this letter.

Sincerely,



J. Lee Rankin
General Counsel

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO: MR. LENIHAN

DATE: 3-25-64

FROM: MR. BRANIGAN

SUBJECT: LEE HARVEY OSWALD
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The President's Commission had previously requested that we obtain photographs of the payroll records covering Lee Harvey Oswald when he worked for the Texas School Book Depository. These photographs were received and it was observed that the record covering the employment of Oswald for the week ending 11-22-63 showed his name as Leslie Oswald.

I contacted ASAC Clark 3-25-64, called this to his attention, and requested that they determine from the proper official of the Texas School Book Depository why Oswald's first name was shown as Leslie.

ASAC Clark subsequently called to advise that Mr. H. S. Aiken, who is in charge of the payroll records for the Texas School Book Depository, advised today that carrying the first name of Oswald as Leslie was purely an error on his part when he recorded the name on the payroll records. He did not observe the error until the records were turned over to the FBI and at that time he did not want to make any change in the records.

This explanation will be incorporated in the letter transmitting the records to the President's Commission. DL advised that they would include this explanation in their next investigative report on the Oswald case.

ACTION:

For record purposes.

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- 1 - Mr. Lenihan
- 1 - Mr. Rose
- 1 - Mr. Branigan

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- 1 - Belmont
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- 1 - DeLoach
- 1 - Rosen
- 1 - Malley
- 1 - Sullivan
- 1 - Branigan
- 1 - Lenihan
- 1 - J. M. Sizoo
- 1 - Mail Room

March 30, 1964

BY COURIER SERVICE

Honorable J. Lee Rankin
 General Counsel
 The President's Commission
 200 Maryland Avenue, N. E.
 Washington, D. C.

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 FBI
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Dear Mr. Rankin:

In response to your previous request for coverage by this Bureau of the public appearances of Mark Lane and Mrs. Marguerite Oswald, the following items are enclosed:

(1) One reel of tape recording of the sound portion of Marguerite Oswald's appearance on Television Station KATV in Little Rock, Arkansas, on March 18, 1964. The reel was furnished to this Bureau by Station KATV.

(2) Two copies of a communication from our Little Rock Office dated March 20, 1964, regarding the appearance of Marguerite Oswald on Station KATV on March 18, 1964.

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Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

Enclosures - 3

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- Tolson
- Belmont
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- Casper
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- Conrad
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- Malley
- Rosen
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- Trotter
- Tele. Room

NOTE: The Commission has requested coverage of public appearances of Mark Lane and Marguerite Oswald. Marguerite Oswald in her TV appearance on 3/18/64 in Little Rock continued to voice her contentions that her son Lee Harvey Oswald was an agent of a U. S. Government agency, that he

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Honorable J. Lee Rankin

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was set up to take the blame and that possibly one or two men in the Government were responsible for the assassination. She also maintains that her son should be represented by counsel before the Warren Commission so that witnesses can be cross-examined. In a private conversation with Ted Biggs, News Director, KATV, Marguerite Oswald claimed to have information that a Fort Worth, Texas, businessman was "mixed up in this thing," but she refused to furnish him additional details other than to state that one of these days she would identify him. We are not interviewing Marguerite Oswald on this point in view of her irresponsible character and lack of cooperation in the past. Material re Mrs. Marguerite Oswald furnished by Little Rock airtel 3/26/64 captioned "Lee Harvey Oswald."

1-Mr. Belmont
1-Mr. Rosen
1-Mr. Sullivan
1-Mr. Malley

March 30, 1964

By Courier Service

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Honorable J. Lee Rankin
General Counsel
The President's Commission
255 Maryland Avenue, Northeast
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Rankin:

By letter dated March 26, 1964, you requested the items listed below be delivered to your office for the use of Mr. Joseph A. Bell and Mr. David W. Belin. As your office was advised on March 27, 1964, all of these items were delivered to the Commission on the dates shown. It is pointed out that the gray-blue jacket listed in your letter as item C-26 is item C226.

ITEM NUMBERED

DATE DELIVERED

C1	March 11, 1964
A14	March 11, 1964
A15	March 11, 1964
C60	March 11, 1964
C226	March 11, 1964
C15 (Commission Exhibit 15)	March 25, 1964
C81 - C84 (Commission Exhibit 81)	March 25, 1964
C137 - C138	March 25, 1964

BY COURIER SVC.
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Sincerely yours,

W. J. Rogers

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note: When the Commission was advised that the listed material had already been delivered to the Commission, it was ascertained that Mr. Rankin's secretary and Mr. Belin's secretary had mistakenly requested this material but did not realize that they were in error until after the letter had been transmitted. C11, A14, A15, C60 & C226 are items of General's clothing. C15, C81 - C84 & C137 - C138

Mr. Tolson _____
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MAR 26 1964

J. LEE RANKIN

Mr. Tolson	
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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Department of Justice
Washington, D. C. 20535

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Two members of our staff, Joseph A. Ball and David W. Elin, propose to take depositions in Dallas the week commencing March 30, 1964. They will be in Dallas for approximately two weeks. During the taking of depositions, they will probably need the following exhibits, which are in your possession:

<u>Item</u>	<u>FBI No.</u>	<u>Commission No.</u>
Rust reddish-brown shirt	C-11	
Gray trousers	A-14	
Gray trousers	A-15	
Gray jacket	C-60	
Gray-blue jacket	C-26	
.38 Smith & Wesson revolver	C-15	143
Four shells	C-51-54	518
Two shells	C-137-138	

Sincerely,

J. Lee Rankin
J. Lee Rankin
General Counsel

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*Bevel's
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- 1 - Belmont
- 1 - ~~Malley~~ Loach
- 1 - Rosen
- 1 - Sullivan
- 1 - Malley
- 1 - Branigan
- 1 - Lenihan
- 1 - Stewart

March 30, 1964

BY COURIER SERVICE

Honorable J. Lee Rankin
 General Counsel
 The President's Commission
 200 Maryland Avenue, N. E.
 Washington, D. C.

REC'D-READING ROOM
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Dear Mr. Rankin:

There are enclosed for your information two copies of the report dated March 11, 1964, at Dallas, Texas, concerning Leo Harvey Oswald. This report encompasses investigation conducted concerning Albert Osborne, who is also known as John Howard Bowen. This individual has been identified as the person who sat next to Lee Harvey Oswald on the bus trip leaving Nuevo Laredo, Mexico, on September 26, 1963, and arriving in Mexico City, Mexico, on September 27, 1963. Osborne has admitted being a passenger on this bus; however, he denies that the individual sitting next to him was Lee Harvey Oswald. He claims that the person was a Mexican. As indicated in the attached report, other English-speaking passengers aboard that bus have identified Oswald as being a passenger and Osborne as the individual sitting next to him.

BY COURIER SVC
 5:50 MAR 31

During our investigation we have established that Osborne entered the United States in 1914 and adopted the identity of John Howard Bowen in 1916 to aid himself in obtaining American citizenship, which he never did obtain. Although he has repeatedly lied to us during the course of our interviews with him, our investigation has not established any connection between him and Oswald or developed any subversive data relating to Osborne/Bowen. We did learn, however, that he has received contributions for his mission in Mexico in the name of Bowen. These contributions have been mailed to him in Laredo, Texas, and the mail later forwarded to him in Mexico.

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Mr. Tolson _____
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 Mr. Tele. Room _____
 Miss Holmes _____
 Miss Gandy _____

NOTE: See memo Branigan to Sullivan 3-26-64 re "Lee Harvey Oswald; IS-R-Cuba" WDS:mhw. The attached report has been read by Mr. Belmont and Mr. Malley.

WDS:mhw (11)

MAR 31 1964

Honorable J. Lee Rankin

As indicated in the attached report, Marina Oswald, when interviewed on February 24, 1964, advised she had never heard of Osborne/Bowen and that Lee Harvey Oswald took the above trip to Mexico alone. She was unable to identify a picture of Osborne/Bowen.

In view of the foregoing, no further investigation is being conducted concerning Osborne's background, unless a specific request is received from you. However, we suggest that you may desire to subpoena Osborne and place him under oath.

In view of the possible violations he has incurred in regard to United States naturalization and postal laws, we are advising the Immigration and Naturalization Service and the Chief Postal Inspector accordingly and are furnishing each a copy of the attached report.

Sincerely yours,

Enclosures (2)

L. Edgar Hoover

March 27, 1964

BY COURIER SERVICE

Honorable J. Lee Rankin
General Counsel
The President's Commission
200 Maryland Avenue, Northeast
Washington, D. C.

- 1 - Mr. Belmont
- 1 - Mr. Rosen
- 1 - Mr. Malley
- 1 - Mr. Shroder
- 1 - Mr. Rogge

Dear Mr. Rankin:

Reference is made to your letter dated February 21, 1964, wherein you request certain information relating to the 6.5 millimeter Mannlicher-Carcano Italian military rifle, and to your request to obtain the originals or photographic copies of all documents relating to this rifle.

With regard to your request in paragraph one, the following is submitted:

The rifle, K1, was correctly described previously by the Federal Bureau of Investigation Laboratory as a 6.5 millimeter Mannlicher-Carcano Italian military rifle, Model #1/33, Serial Number C2768. Micrometer measurements of the interior of the barrel of the rifle were made. The bore diameter is 6.50 millimeters (.253 inches).

In paragraph two you request sharper reproductions of exhibit numbers 15 and 18 appearing in Volume I of the Book of Exhibits furnished by this Bureau. Efforts were made to obtain sharper reproductions, and two enlarged photographic copies of each of the above exhibits are enclosed for your assistance. It should be noted these photographs were made from the microfilm record maintained by Klein's Sporting Goods. The original records from which the film was made have been destroyed.

In connection with paragraph four, the following is set out:

1 - Dallas (100-10461) (SEE SAC, DALLAS NOTE, PAGE 5)

DUPLICATE YELLOW

- 1 - Mr. I.W. Conrad
- 1 - Mr. W.C. Sullivan
- 1 - Mr. R.E. Lenihan
- 1 - Mr. J.C. Cadigan

1 - 62-109060 (Assassination of President Kennedy)

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Honorable J. Lee Rankin

- (a) The weight of the rifle with sling is 8 pounds; without the sling 7 pounds 11½ ounces.
- (b) The length of the rifle is 40.2 inches.
- (c) The length of the longest component, which is the stock, when disassembled is 34.8 inches.
- (d) (i) The average time required to disassemble the rifle is 1½ minutes.
(ii) The average time required to assemble the rifle is 2½ minutes.
- (e) The tools required to assemble or disassemble the rifle would include a screwdriver, fingernail file, coin (dime), or some similar object:
- (f) The Dallas Police Department, when searching Lee Harvey Oswald's residence at 1026 North Beckley, Dallas, Texas, on November 23, 1963, obtained a fingernail file and a screwdriver, and it is considered these items would normally be located at any residence. These objects would also be generally available at the Paine residence in Irving, Texas, or at the Texas School Book Depository Building.
- (g) The fired cartridge cases are ejected from the K1 rifle at various angles and distances depending upon the speed at which the bolt is operated and upon the position of the rifle at the time of extraction. This is a condition which exists with all bolt action rifles. Two series of tests were conducted. In one test, the barrel was held horizontally at the time of ejection. In the second test, the barrel was held at a 45-degree downward angle. In both tests, the ejection port was 32 inches above the floor.

In the horizontal barrel test, the ejected cartridge cases struck the floor between 59 inches and 101 inches from the ejection port. The angle

Honorable J. Lee Rankin

between the line of sight and the point of impact varied from 80 degrees to 97 degrees. All of the cartridge cases landed in a 47-inch diameter circle, the center of which was located 80 degrees from the ejection port on a line 90 degrees to the right of the line of sight.

In the test conducted with the barrel depressed at a 45-degree downward angle, the cartridge cases struck the floor between 55 inches and 115 inches from the ejection port. The angle between the line of sight and the point of impact varied from 64 degrees to 95 degrees. All of the cartridge cases landed in a 65-inch diameter circle, the center of which was located 85 inches from the ejection port on a line 80 degrees to the right of the line of sight.

These angles were measured clockwise from the line of sight with vertices at the ejection port.

It is pointed out that after striking the floor the cartridge cases ricocheted in a very erratic pattern both as to distance and direction some traveling as much as 10 feet beyond the point of impact.

In compliance with the requests set out in paragraph five, enclosed are two photographic copies of repair tag number 18374 which was obtained from the Irving Sport Shop, Irving, Texas. In addition, the following information is submitted:

(a) Your attention is invited to our letter dated March 18, 1964, which was in partial reply to your letter dated March 3, 1964, relating to the testimony of Marina Oswald. Specifically, item number two of your letter dated March 3, 1964, requested we endeavor to confirm or negate the apparent fact that the telescope was attached to the rifle when it was shipped to Dallas, Texas. The information enclosed with our letter

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dated March 18, 1964, would appear to comply with instant request. No further inquiry on this particular item is being made, unless a specific request to the contrary is received from you.

(b) From an examination of the K1 rifle, no indication was found that the telescopic sight was remounted. Its position on the rifle, the mounting screws and the screw holes show no evidence of having been altered. It cannot be determined whether or not the telescope tube has been shifted in its mount since shifting the tube would leave no marks or other evidence of adjustment.

(c) Our investigation has disclosed only one other family by the name of Oswald residing in the area of Irving, Texas; namely, Mr. Jerry A. Oswald, his wife, and two children.

(d) Mr. Jerry A. Oswald, as well as other persons having the last name of Oswald residing in Dallas and vicinity, were interviewed and all advised they had not taken a rifle to the Irving Sport Shop to have a telescopic sight mounted. The results of our investigation into this particular matter are recorded on pages 654 through 656 in the report of Special Agent Robert P. Gemberling at Dallas, dated December 23, 1963, captioned, "Lee Harvey Oswald, Internal Security - Russia - Cuba."

(e and f) According to Mr. Charles William Greener, owner of the Irving Sport Shop, the Irving Furniture Company, now defunct, and formerly operated by Mrs. Edith Whitworth, was located one block west of the Irving Sport Shop, on the north side of Irving Boulevard.

Your request to obtain the originals or photographic copies of all documents relating to the K1 rifle, as well as the rifle shipped to Aldens of Chicago, bearing Serial Number 2766, is still being vigorously pursued by this Bureau. For your information, seven of our continental offices are involved in this project including investigation in Canada. This material is being assembled as received for easy reference, and when all of the documents are obtained, you will be furnished the requested material.

Sincerely yours,

Enclosures (6)

NOTE TO SAC, DALLAS:

LEE HARVEY OSWALD, AKA,
IS - 2 - C-22

You will be furnished under separate cover photographic copies of the documents received by the FBI Laboratory, which have been furnished appropriate identification numbers where necessary. When all documents requested by the President's Commission have been received, the information relating to them, and any necessary explanatory notations, should be incorporated in an appropriate letterhead memorandum and submitted with two copies of each photograph to the Bureau for dissemination to the President's Commission. This matter should continue to receive your close attention so that this matter can be promptly handled. Insure all aspects of the Commission's request are complied with.

NOTE:

The Commission, in addition to the above technical data, requested the originals or photographic copies of all documents relating to the above weapons. This would include purchase orders, invoices, shipping documents, bills of lading, receipts, sales records, inventory records, of cartage business firms. It has been very extensive in nature, and certain difficulties in obtaining this information is beyond our control. This matter continues to be followed closely at the Bureau, and when all the requested material is received, the President's Commission will be promptly advised.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. Belmont

DATE: 3/26/64

FROM : A. Rosen

SUBJECT: PRESIDENT'S COMMISSION
ASSASSINATION OF THE PRESIDENT

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At 9:20 a. m. this morning, in the absence of Inspector Malley, SA Scatterday received a telephone call from Mr. Howard Willens of the President's Commission with regard to the material requested by the Commission in connection with the killing of Officer Tippit, as pointed out in memorandum from Mr. Gauthier to Mr. Callahan on 3/24/64. The Commission had originally requested this material by April 1, and subsequently requested it to be delivered to the Commission by 9:00 a. m. on March 26, 1964.

The purpose of Mr. Willens' call was to ascertain when he would receive the Tippit material which he had requested by 9:00 a. m. this date. He was advised the matter would be checked on and he would be called back. A check with the messenger service reveals this material was delivered at 6:35 p. m. on the evening of 3/25/64 and was receipted for by Mr. Willens' secretary, Adele Lippard.

Scatterday tried to contact Mr. Willens at 9:30 a. m. to point out the fact that this material had been delivered to the Commission on the evening of March 25, at 6:35. Mr. Willens' secretary advised he was temporarily out of his office. Word was left for Willens to call as soon as he returned. As of 11:00 a. m. he has not returned the call. When he does call it will be pointed out to him that the material which he requested was in his office last night.

ACTION: For information.

- 1 - Mr. Conrad
- 1 - Mr. Sullivan

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : MR. TROTTER • DATE: 4-1-64

FROM : C. S. Voelker *CSV*

SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL COMMISSION
ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY

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Rememo C. S. Voelker to Mr. Trotter 3-30-64.

In accordance with prior approval, on 3-27-64 Supervisor Sebastian P. Latona of the Latent Fingerprint Section, Identification Division, and Mr. Milton Eisenberg, Staff Member of the Presidential Commission, reviewed the expert testimony concerning fingerprint and palm print identifications which is to be given before the Commission. Mr. Latona is scheduled to appear before the Commission at 9:00 a. m. on Thursday, 4-2-64.

On 4-1-64 Mr. Eisenberg telephonically contacted the writer and requested that the four cardboard cartons which were found near the sixth floor window of the Texas School Book Depository Building be turned over to him in order that they would be available for his further review and presentation to the Commission. Mr. Latona delivered the four cartons to Mr. Eisenberg's office and obtained a receipt for them. As stated before, he is prepared to testify before the Commission on 4-2-64.

RECOMMENDATION:

The attached letter to the Presidential Commission confirming the request and delivery of the four cardboard cartons be approved.

CSV:bdm
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- 1 - Mr. Belmont (sent direct)
- 1 - Mr. Rosen (sent direct)
- 1 - Mr. Sullivan (sent direct)
- 1 - Mr. Conrad (sent direct)
- 1 - Mr. Ponder (sent direct)

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March 30, 1964

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Department of Justice
Washington, D. C. 20535

Dear Mr. Hoover:

My letter of March 21, 1964 you confirmed that
at the request of Mr. W. David Stawson on March 21,
1964, items of evidence were delivered to
Mr. Stawson. I forwarded your letter to Mr. Stawson
and he has informed me that the items were in fact
received by him but that an apparent typographical error
has been made.

The list of items, as transcribed in your
office, includes item numbers "D 5 and D 32." Actually,
Mr. Stawson received item numbers "B 6 and B 32." Item
B 5 is a notebook and item B 32 is a letter written by
Oswald.

Sincerely,

SIGNED

J. Lee Rankin
General Counsel

APR 27 1964

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- 1 - Mr. Belmont
- 1 - Mr. Sullivan
- 1 - Mr. Rosen
- 1 - Mr. Stokes
- 1 - Mr. Conrad
- 1 - Mr. Griffith

March 17, 1964

By Courier Service

Honorable J. Lee Rankin
 General Counsel
 The President's Commission
 200 Maryland Avenue, N. E.
 Washington, D. C. 20002

Dear Mr. Rankin:

Reference is made to your letter dated March 15, 1964, concerning the Duo-lens Imperial Reflex camera which was furnished to this Bureau by Robert Oswald on February 24, 1964, and identified by Marina Oswald as the camera with which she took the photographs of Lee Harvey Oswald holding a rifle and wearing a pistol. Your letter set forth four requests concerning this camera.

It was determined that one of the photographs in Commission Exhibit 133 was exposed in the Duo-lens Imperial Reflex camera identified by Marina Oswald as the camera with which she took the photographs of Lee Harvey Oswald holding a rifle and wearing a pistol. This examination was based on the original camera negative that is included in FBI Exhibit B-3. The photograph identified is the one in which Oswald is holding the rifle in his right hand. The other photograph in Commission Exhibit 133 could not be identified with the Imperial camera because such an examination is based on the original negative and the original negative of this photograph is not available for such a comparison.

The Ansco flash attachment in Item 379 does not fit the Duo-lens Imperial Reflex camera.

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Honorable J. Lee Rankin

Your request concerning the circumstances under which the camera was picked up by the Dallas Police from Ruth Paine's residence, circumstances under which Robert Oswald took the camera from that residence and why Robert Oswald waited until February 24 to come forward with it will be made the subject of a separate communication.

The Duo-lens Imperial Reflex camera has been assigned FBI Exhibit D-146, and a photograph of the camera is forwarded herewith.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

Enclosure

NOTE: Dallas was previously furnished with photographs of the camera D-146.

**PRESIDENT'S COMMISSION
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MAR 12 1964

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Director, Federal Bureau
of Investigation
Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Thank you for your letter of February 23, 1964, relating to a Duo-lens Imperial reflex camera furnished to your office by Robert Oswald on February 24 and identified by Marina Oswald as the camera with which she took the photographs of Lee Oswald holding a rifle and wearing a pistol. In regard to this camera: (1) Is it possible to determine, independently of Marina's statement, whether the photographs in question were taken through it? If so, could you please make such a determination? (2) Does the Ansco flash attachment in item 379 fit this camera? (3) Why wasn't the camera picked up by the Dallas Police from Ruth Paine's residence, under what circumstances did Robert take the camera from that residence, and why did Robert wait until February 24 to come forward with it? (4) Could you please assign an item number to, and furnish us with a photograph of, the camera.

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Sincerely,

J. Lee Rankin

J. Lee Rankin
General Counsel

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MAR 31 1964

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation
Department of Justice
Washington, D.C. 20535

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Thank you for your letter of March 26, 1964, enclosing four copies of the brochure captioned "Killing of Dallas Patrolman J. D. Tippit" and accompanying memoranda furnished to the Commission in response to our letter of March 12, 1964.

I would like to take this opportunity to express our special gratitude to Mr. Leo J. Gauthier and his assistants for the exhibits they have prepared in connection with the work of this Commission. These exhibits reflect a high degree of industry and skill. Moreover, I know that Mr. Gauthier has been very cooperative in extending himself and his staff to meet the deadlines fixed by the Commission. These exhibits have been extremely useful in enabling witnesses called before this Commission to testify with greater detail and precision than would otherwise have been the case.

Sincerely,

J. Lee Rankin
J. Lee Rankin
General Counsel

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

Mr. Conrad *W.C.*

DATE: 3/20/64

FROM : R. H. Jevons

SUBJECT: ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT
JOHN F. KENNEDY; 11/22/63;
DALLAS, TEXAS

In my memorandum of 3/12/64, I advised that during a discussion with representatives of the President's Commission, they advised that the Commission was contemplating having the firearms evidence in this matter examined by some other organization.

Today during the course of the prearranged conference with our firearms examiners, Mr. Melvin Eisenberg of the Commission stated that they contemplated using the testimony concerning the firearms evidence on or about 3/30/64. In this regard, he stated that the only testimony required on this date would be that concerning the assassination rifle, the identification of the bullet from the stretcher and the two bullet fragments recovered from the President's limousine and the significance of the diphenylamine tests on paraffin casts taken of Oswald's hands and face by the Dallas Police Department. Also, he desired testimony concerning the general characteristics of the bullet recovered from the residence of General Walker, which bullet was found in the Laboratory to have the same general rifling characteristics as test specimens from the assassination rifle, and the auditory effect of a bullet passing near an observer. As a matter of experience, two sounds will be heard by an observer close to the passage of a bullet, first the "crack" of the bullet passing and secondly, the sound of the report from the gun. This latter testimony would be pertinent to the fact that some observers reported hearing a number of shots fired during the assassination. He advised that the testimony concerning the remaining firearms evidence would be taken by deposition or before him and a court recorder at some time in the near future. This latter evidence includes the evidence received in the murder of Officer J. D. Tippit.

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- 1-Mr. Belmont
- 1-Mr. Rosen
- 1-Mr. Sullivan
- 1-Mr. Malley

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Memorandum to Mr. Conrad
Re: ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT
JOHN F. KENNEDY; 11/22/63;
DALLAS, TEXAS

62-109060

During the course of the above discussion, Mr. Eisenberg stated that he would like to have the firearms evidence in our possession and pertaining to the assassination delivered to his office Saturday, 3/21/64, so that he could make arrangements to have it delivered to Mr. Ronald Simmons, Weapons System Division of the Defense Department at Aberdeen, Maryland, for re-examination. Mr. Eisenberg advised that he would request that the remaining firearms evidence be delivered to his office at a later time for the same purpose. This indicates that the Commission is complying with the Bureau's position that the evidence be delivered by the FBI to the Commission rather than directly to the outside expert.

As you will recall, a tiny tuft of fibers was found adhering to the butt of the assassination rifle that matched the fabric composing the shirt worn by Oswald on the date of the assassination. Various fibers were also found in the paper bag found in the Texas Book Depository Building that matched the blanket reportedly having belonged to Oswald. Also, body and pubic hairs were found in the blanket that matched hair specimens from Oswald. Mr. Eisenberg says that the Commission expects to use testimony on this subject on or about 4/1/64.

ACTION:

For information.



UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. Evans

DATE: 3-22-64

FROM : W. V. Cleveland

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SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECT, YU 7-4343
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 Mrs. Brennan
 D. J. Brennan
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At 5:20 p. m., March 22, 1964, SA Donald L. Mason, New York Office, telephonically contacted the Bureau and talked to SA R. H. Egan.

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YU 7-4343 is listed to Mrs. Frank C. Tobin, 126 Justine Avenue, Staten Island, New York.

According to SA Mason, this telephone has a recorded message in the form of a letter to the Director of the FBI to the effect that if Earl Warren is assassinated, he will be assassinated by a communist and for further proof of this refer to the assassination of President Kennedy by a communist. Said Warren worth more to the communist cause dead than alive as the communists always murder their friends when it will serve a useful purpose. Recording asks that Mr. Hoover help keep Mr. Warren alive as "we" want him removed the American way - by impeachment. The recording ends with the message that for more information send \$1 to Eye Opener, Box 142, Staten Island, New York. Bureau files contain no identifiable pertinent information concerning Mrs. Tobin

ACTION: or Eye Opener.

New York Office is sending in the entire message, as well as additional information that can be developed concerning this telephone number which appears to change its recorded message periodically. Mr. Warren is being advised of the above information by Liaison.

- 1 - Crime Records Division
- 1 - Domestic Intelligence Division
- 1 - Internal Security Section
- 1 - General Investigative Division

Mr. D. J. Brennan

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- 1 - Mr. Rogge, 5730
- 1 - Mr. Lenihan, 643 RB
- 1 - Mr. Conrad
- 1 - Mr. Griffith
- 1 - Mr. Cadigan

March 30, 1964

By Courier Service

62-109090-

Honorable J. Lee Rankin
 General Counsel
 The President's Commission
 200 Maryland Avenue, Northeast
 Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Rankin:

Reference is made to your letter of March 23, 1964, requesting three Photostats of the exhibits which pertain to the purchase of a .38 Smith and Wesson revolver for \$29.95 and requesting two photographs of Commission Exhibit 35C.

Transmitted herewith are three Photostats of the following exhibits:

Order Form marked Q39. This is further identified as D-27.

Shipping invoice number A5371, Export Traders, Incorporated, the original of which was secured from H. W. Michaelis, Office Manager of George Rhodes and Company, Incorporated, Los Angeles, California. This is further identified as exhibit D-92. Also, related exhibits D-93, D-94, and D-95 were listed in your letter of March 23, 1964.

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A page from the loose-leaf notebook of Michaelis on which is entered a record of one .38 Smith and Wesson revolver shipped to A. J. Hidell, Dallas, Texas, March 20, 1963, D-191.

Also transmitted herewith are ten photographs of the Houston Street side of the Dallas School Lock Depository Building (Commission Exhibit 356).

Sincerely yours,

Enclosures (20)

1 - Dallas (100-10461) (with copy of incoming letter)

NOTE: Set forth below is a description of exhibits D-27, D-93, D-94, and D-95.

D-27 Mail order coupon in the name of A. J. Hidell used by subject Oswald to order .38 Smith and Wesson revolver from Los Angeles Mail Order House.

D-93 Shipping copy (Alphabetical File) of invoice number A5371 reflecting the .38 caliber Smith and Wesson revolver was shipped March 20, 1963. It is noted that D-92 the numerical copy of the original invoice does not show the shipping date.

D-94 Copy of Railway Express Agency receipt number 70633 showing the shipment of one "carton pistol" to a A. Hidell, Post Office Box 2915, Dallas, Texas, March 20, 1963, in the amount of \$19.95.

D-95 Railway Express form bearing receipt number 70638 dated March 20, 1963, indicating balance of \$19.95 due Export Traders, Incorporated, 1221 South Grand Avenue, Los Angeles, California, had been paid. It refers to a shipment that was to be delivered to A. J. Hidell, Post Office Box 2915, Dallas, Texas, shippers number 5371.

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General Counsel

MAR 23 1964

Honorable J. Edgar Hoover
Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Would you please furnish us the following:

a) Three (3) photostatic copies of the exhibits which pertain to the purchase of one .38 S&W. 2" B&L for \$ 29.95.

1) Order form marked Q 89 by the FBI Laboratory.

2) Shipping invoice # A5371, Seaport Traders, Inc., the original of which was secured from H. W. Michaelis, Office Manager of George Rhodes and Company, Inc., Los Angeles, California.

3) A page from the loose-leaf notebook of Michaelis on which is entered a record of one .38 Smith and Wesson revolver shipped to L. J. Midell, Dallas, Texas, March 20, 1963.

b) Ten (10) photographs of the Houston Street side of the Texas School Book Depository Building. (Negatives are in your file. See Commission Exhibit 356.)

Sincerely,

J. Lee Rankin
J. Lee Rankin
General Counsel

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : MR. TROTTER *yes.* DATE: 3-30-64

FROM : C. S. Voelker *CSV*

SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL COMMISSION
ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY

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Rememo A. K. Bowles to Mr. Trotter 3-26-64. *Conrad*

The Director has previously approved making available to the Presidential Commission expert testimony concerning fingerprint and palm print identifications which relate to the assassination of President Kennedy. On 3-27-64 Supervisor Sebastian F. Latona of the Latent Fingerprint Section reviewed the charts which had been prepared with Mr. Milton Eisenberg, staff member of the Presidential Commission, in the presence of the writer. Following this we turned over to him photographic copies of the latent impressions which had been developed and copies of known fingerprints and palm prints of Oswald. He indicated these photographs would be made available to the New York City Police Department who were also being asked by the Commission for their opinion.

Mr. Eisenberg requested Supervisor Latona be made available at 9:00 a.m. Thursday, 4-2-64, with the necessary materials so as to be able to testify before the Commission at that time. Mr. Latona will comply.

ACTION:

For information. *sub*

CSV:bdm
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- 1 - Mr. Belmont
- 1 - Mr. Rosen
- 1 - Mr. Sullivan
- 1 - Mr. Conrad
- 1 - Mr. Ponder

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Date: 3/20/64

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FROM: SAC, NEWARK (100-
SUBJECT: THE EYE OPENER
INFORMATION CONCERNING
INTERNAL SECURITY

R. W. Smith
Francis B...

Enclosed herewith are six copies of a self-explanatory LHM for the Bureau and two copies for Tampa. One copy has been furnished locally to Secret Service, Newark.

The transcription was made of the recording by Secretary MARY MURPHY of the Newark Office.

Two copies of the LHM are being furnished to Tampa inasmuch as the transcription indicates that headquarters of The Eye Opener are in Sarasota, Fla. No further action is contemplated by Newark at this time.

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- (1 - 157-1476) (DR. FORSTER RUEL)

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Newark, New Jersey

March 20, 1964

THE EYE OPENER
BOX 645
SARASOTA, FLORIDA

On March 18, 1964, [REDACTED] Short Hills, New Jersey, telephonically contacted the Newark Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation to advise that people were being asked to call telephone number CR 3-0369 and listen to a recording. [REDACTED] stated that this recording pertains to the investigation of the assassination of President John F. Kennedy. She also stated that she had ascertained that the record is being paid for by Dr. Ruhl, 57 Drum Hill Drive, Summit, New Jersey.

The 1962 Summit city directory reflects that Forster G. Ruhl, Physician, has offices at 151 Summit Avenue and resides at 57 Drum Hill Drive, Summit.

On March 6, 1964, [REDACTED] Elizabeth, New Jersey, advised that recently when he received mail from Dr. Ruhl, some of the envelopes contained various printed comments, one of which was a stamped notation "Let Freedom Ring! Each week call CR 3-0369, Code 201."

Following is a transcription of the recording obtained by dialing CR 3-0369:

"Let freedom ring. We are told that Lee Oswald and Jack Ruby acted independently. They were just poor victims of an atmosphere of hate and in need of a mental health clinic. But before the Warren Commission completely obscures the facts, let's look at some interesting points:

"Fidel Castro threatened to break off relations with Mexico if Mexican authorities attempted to investigate Oswald's activities in their country.

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"Jack Ruby, who was supposed to have acted through blind emotion, is reported to have been in Havana, Cuba, last year.

"Lee Oswald's apartment was close to Ruby's, and Oswald was headed in the direction of Ruby's apartment when he encountered Officer Tippit.

"Also of interest is the fact that Congressman Hal Boggs, an extreme left winger who is on the Warren Investigating Committee, has an interesting communist front record. Just minutes after the assassination, Boggs, Walter Reuther, and a red-wing black bird, Earl Warren, miraculously appeared on radio and TV and denounced the John Birch Society and other anticommunist groups, even though Oswald proudly announced that he was a communist.

"The American people will probably never know how much they owe to the Federal Bureau of Investigation. There are rumors afoot that the Warren Commission, which is a brazen usurpation of the investigative power of Congress, will attempt to turn the investigation into a smear of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and its director, J. Edgar Hoover.

"If you have not received the Let Freedom Ring assassination series - one of the first unhypocritical reports of the tragedy and the eye opening highly documented SPX research report, send one dollar to The Eye Opener, Box 645, Sarasota, Florida."

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

March 23, 1964

BY COURIER SERVICE

- 1 - Mr. Belmont
- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
- 1 - Mr. Sullivan
- 1 - Mr. Branigan
- 1 - Mr. Malley
- 1 - R. E. Lenihan

Honorable J. Lee Rankin
 General Counsel
 The President's Commission
 200 Maryland Avenue, N. E.
 Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Rankin:

Reference is made to your letter dated March 17, 1964, regarding the allegation that Jimmy McCurley was acquainted with Lee Harvey Oswald during the period the latter lived in New Orleans and the allegation that Oswald dated Connie Francis, the recording artist, in that city. You requested that this Bureau conduct an appropriate investigation to determine the validity of the alleged facts.

For your information, we received a letter from Mr. Herbert J. Miller, Jr., Assistant Attorney General, Original Division, Department of Justice, Washington, D. C., dated March 11, 1964, enclosing a letter the Department of Justice received from Mr. A. Frank Grimsley, Jr., dated March 9, 1964. Mr. Grimsley's letter set out the same allegations which are contained in your letter of reference. We have noted that Mr. Miller, in his letter to this Bureau dated March 11, 1964, indicated he was making available to Mr. Willens of the Commission a copy of Mr. Grimsley's letter.

We have initiated appropriate investigation to determine the validity of the alleged facts in this particular matter. Results of our inquiries will be promptly furnished to the Commission upon receipt.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

BY COURIER SVC.
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Honorable J. Lee Rankin

BUREAU NOTE:

We received letter from the Department which Department had received from Grinsley. In his letter, Grinsley indicated he received information from an informant, who allegedly had spoken to one Tom Callahan of Baton Rouge, La., who allegedly had spoken to Jimmy McCurley, wherein latter indicated acquaintance with Lee Harvey Oswald in New Orleans. McCurley reportedly also claimed to have met Oswald because both were fans of the Connie Francis Fan Club and that Oswald had dated Connie Francis in New Orleans. We sent an airtel to New Orleans and Dallas dated 3/13/64 instructing these allegations be run out to fully resolve this particular matter.

PRESIDENT'S COMMISSION
ON THE
ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY

200 Maryland Ave., N. E.
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J. Lee Rankin
General Counsel

MAR 17

Honorable J. Edgar Hoover
Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Department of Justice
Washington, D. C. 20530

Dear Mr. Hoover:

The Commission is in possession of information it is in no position to evaluate to the effect that a Tom Callahan of Baton Rouge, Louisiana, claims to have recently spoken to a Jimmy McCurley, who supposedly is President of the "Baton Rouge Connie Francis Fan Club." According to the information, McCurley was acquainted with Lee Harvey Oswald during the period the latter lived in New Orleans, and claims that Oswald dated Connie Francis, the recording artist, in that city.

The Commission has asked me to request that your Bureau conduct an appropriate investigation to determine the validity of the alleged facts.

Thank you for your continued cooperation in the work of this Commission.

Sincerely,

J. Lee Rankin

J. Lee Rankin
General Counsel

*Let to Rankin
3/23/64
REline*

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GENERAL COUNSEL

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. Belmont *MB*

DATE: March 24, 1964

FROM : A. Rosen

SUBJECT: ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT
JOHN F. KENNEDY; 11/22/63;
DALLAS, TEXAS

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Referenced memorandum dated 3/20/64 from Jevons to Conrad set forth information concerning testimony relating to firearms evidence and the fact that firearms evidence was to be made available to the President's Commission on March 21, 1964, in order that an independent examination could be made of the firearms evidence.

This matter was discussed with J. Lee Rankin, General Counsel, President's Commission, in the early evening of March 23, 1964. Mr. Rankin was advised that in view of the action taken by the Commission concerning the firearms evidence, it was obvious the Commission does not have confidence in the FBI Laboratory, and that in view of the independent examinations being requested, it would appear desirable for the Commission to have whatever examination they desire from independent experts made and for the Bureau to step out of the picture from the standpoint of laboratory examinations. It was pointed out to Mr. Rankin that our Laboratory was greatly burdened with a large volume of work and that if the examinations that we made were not going to be accepted, it would appear that there would be no reason for our Laboratory experts to be tied up on these examinations in utilizing the time it requires to furnish testimony concerning matters where independent examinations are being made.

Mr. Rankin immediately replied that he certainly desired to correct any impression that the Bureau may have received that anyone connected with the President's Commission had a lack of confidence in the examinations made by the Bureau Laboratory. He stated that there had been a tremendous amount of pressure from various sources on the Commission for accepting the work being performed by the Bureau and not subjecting it to any independent examination. He also commented that the Bureau had performed a tremendous amount of investigative activity at the Commission's request and that there was likewise considerable pressure on the Commission to have independent examinations made concerning the findings made available by the FBI. Mr. Rankin

- 1 - Mr. Conrad
- 1 - Mr. Sullivan

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RE: ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT
JOHN F. KENNEDY; 11/22/63;
DALLAS, TEXAS

advised he had personally been completely opposed to any independent investigation by any outside investigators and that he had taken a strong stand that any investigation conducted should be handled by Government agencies unless it was found that the Commission could not obtain the results they desired. He stated thus far there had been no difficulties encountered with the FBI or any other Government agency relative to investigations and he did not anticipate there would be any. He stated he sincerely hoped he would be able to keep the members of the Commission agreeable to Government agencies handling investigative matters without any investigations on the part of outside investigators. Mr. Rankin was advised that his comments concerning investigative matters were appreciated but this did not change the picture relative to what appeared to be a lack of confidence in the Laboratory examinations. Mr. Rankin again stated that there was no lack of confidence and that the Commission relied completely on the thoroughness of the FBI Laboratory examiners, which he considered to be the best in the country. He stated because of the pressure that had been brought, the members of the Commission had made the decision to have the independent examinations. He stated emphatically that the Commission would insist that the Bureau Laboratory men be available to furnish testimony concerning matters examined by the Laboratory.

During the discussion, it was ascertained from Mr. Rankin that the Commission members had indicated they will probably desire independent examination concerning handwriting and fingerprint examinations. He gave no indication what items he was referring to or when such a request would be made.

Throughout the discussion Mr. Rankin seemed to be a little disturbed over the Bureau pointing out to him that the Commission obviously lacked confidence in our Laboratory and he repeatedly commented that the independent examinations of evidence were being made at the instructions of the seven members of the Commission. He gave no indication, however, whether this was the desire of certain members of the Commission and others were going along, or whether the Commission was in full agreement concerning this matter.

The foregoing is submitted for information.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. Conrad *JWC*

FROM : R. H. Jevons *RHJ*

SUBJECT: ASSASSINATION OF
PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY,
11/22/63, DALLAS, TEXAS

DATE: 3/27/64

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In accordance with the verbal request of Mr. Melvin Eisenberg of The President's Commission and with prior approval, SAs Henry B. Heiberger and John F. Gallagher met with Mr. Eisenberg on 3/26/64, to discuss spectrographic examinations conducted on materials relating to the assassination of President Kennedy.

SA Heiberger discussed the spectrographic comparison examinations which he conducted in the Laboratory. SA Heiberger advised that the lead alloy of the bullet recovered from the attempted shooting of General Walker was different from the lead alloy of a large bullet fragment recovered from the car in which President Kennedy was shot. SA Gallagher advised Mr. Eisenberg the spectrographic examinations of the bullet fragments recovered from the wound in President Kennedy's head and from the vehicle in which President Kennedy was riding at the time of his assassination were composed of the same chemical elements.

As reported in my memorandum of March 17, 1964 (Jevons to Conrad, REE HARVEY OSWALD, IS - R), SA Gallagher discussed with Mr. Eisenberg the neutron activation analyses of the paraffin casts from Oswald. This technique you will recall revealed deposits on the casts characteristic of powder residues. However, it was not possible to distinguish the powder residues of the rifle cartridges from the powder residues of the revolver cartridges. It was in connection with this examination that Mr. Eisenberg then discussed with SA Gallagher a letter of Dr. Paul C. Aebersold, Director, Division of Isotopes Development, Atomic Energy Commission, to Assistant Attorney General Herbert J. Miller, which was dated December 11, 1963, and subsequently forwarded to The Commission. He read from this letter the following:

- Mr. Belmont
- Mr. Rosen
- Mr. Sullivan
- Mr. Malley

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Memorandum to Mr. Conrad
Re: ASSASSINATION OF
PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY,
11/22/63, DALLAS, TEXAS
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"We would hope soon to have more details on whether the method (neutron activation analyses) will give useful information to distinguish between smoke deposits from revolvers and those from rifles--by means of their distribution on the body of the person firing them and by the levels of antimony and barium (and perhaps other elements) deposited."

Mr. Eisenberg then asked if more detailed background was available at this date. It was pointed out by SA Gallagher that Dr. Aebersold's letter was written prior to the actual activation analyses examinations of Oswald's casts. No elements were found during these tests to distinguish between rifle and revolver deposits. Mr. Gallagher further pointed out that the data in the present instance were further complicated by Oswald's firing of the revolver subsequent to the firing of the rifle and by the fact that the casts have been chemically treated and washed prior to receipt for neutron activation analyses. Nothing has come to our attention and to our knowledge nothing has been done subsequent to these examinations which would assist further in the interpretation of the data obtained from the activation analyses of the paraffin casts from Oswald.

ACTION: None, for information.

[Handwritten signatures: J. Edgar Hoover, W. C. Sullivan, and W. S.]

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March 26, 1964

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J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C. 20535

Dear Mr. Hoover:

As you know, one of the most important matters being considered by this Commission is the extent to which various federal law enforcement agencies know of the activities of Lee Harvey Oswald before the assassination of President Kennedy. In the course of its inquiry in this regard, the Commission has obtained from each of the agencies concerned a great deal of information.

The FBI has been most cooperative in furnishing its formal reports on Oswald, and in responding by letter or memorandum to certain questions that have arisen from time to time. The Commission has a number of specific questions regarding these FBI materials; for convenience, the questions are set forth in an attachment to this letter. Although some of the questions are, in form, susceptible of a simple affirmative or negative response, the Commission would appreciate instead a reasoned response to each question, in reasonable detail, and with such substantiating materials as seem appropriate.

On behalf of the Commission I wish to thank you and your representatives for your continued assistance to the work of the Commission.

Sincerely,

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J. Lee Rankin
General Counsel

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Memorandum

TO : Mr. Belmont

DATE: March 26, 1964

FROM : A. Rosen

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Mr. J. Lee Rankin of the President's Commission contacted the Bureau and, in the absence of Malley, spoke with Supervisor Rogge. He asked Rogge if it would be convenient for him to be at his office at 2:00 p. m. to pick up a letter which he desired to hand deliver to the Bureau.

Rankin, in delivering the letter, stated that he wanted to point out that he was asking that the letter be personally delivered because if the Bureau had any observations concerning it he would appreciate being called and he would give any of our observations immediate consideration. Rogge stated that Mr. Rankin was most laudatory in his comments and attitude of the Director and the Bureau.

It is noted that the attached letter transmits questions developed as a result of a close examination by the Commission staff of material which has been furnished by the FBI. Rankin indicated that the Commission has reviewed material which has been furnished by other Governmental agencies and that the Bureau, as well as the other agencies, was being requested to submit answers to various questions being submitted by the Commission. The Commission feels that these questions might be raised at a later date and desired these answers for the record.

It is also noted that Mr. Rankin's letter dated March 26, 1964, expresses the Commission's thanks to the Director for the assistance rendered.

The questions relate primarily to the activities of Oswald prior to the assassination and are presently being reviewed so that appropriate answers can be prepared.

ACTION BEING TAKEN:

This matter is being afforded expeditious attention and the completed results will be submitted to the Commission.

- Enclosure
1 - Mr. Mohr
1 - Mr. W. C. Sullivan
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1 - Mr. Branigan
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